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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:


1. Communication (1 pg.);
2. Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check # 17787 for \$1005.00;
4. Return Postcard.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-518. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

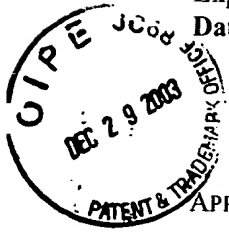
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COMMUNICATION

A petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to Notice of Appeal filed May 27, 2003, is filed herewith, along with the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). This petition and fee, which are due on December 29, 2003 (December 27, 2003 being a Saturday), maintain the pendency of the above-identified case.

No additional fees are believed due. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-518.

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